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## **Sen. Van Woerkom announces grant for Oceana County**

**Lansing** - State Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, today announced that Oceana County will receive a \$40,000 Community Development Block Grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

The grant will allow Oceana County to produce a market assessment of the need for an agricultural/kitchen and natural resources value-added incubator in Oceana County. The county can then develop a business plan for the incubator to ensure long-term existence of the facility. The local contribution is \$10,000.

“I support the efforts of Oceana County and the Oceana Economic Development Corporation,” Van Woerkom said. “I’m happy to see the MEDC help fund this project. This is a great opportunity for our community. By helping potential employers we can bring new businesses to the area and create more job opportunities.”

Agriculture/kitchen incubators are resource centers that provide assistance to entrepreneurs with food production and general business management skills. Incubators also offer networking opportunities, access to low-cost office space rentals, and create cooperatives for marketing, distribution, supply purchasing and secretarial services.

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